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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-13. (canceled)

14. (new) A drill bit comprising:

- a shaft having a proximal end with a first opening, and a distal end with a beveled cutting surface and a second opening;
- a lumen inside the shaft that extends between first and second openings, and that receives debris entering the first opening as a result of operation of the cutting surface;
- a third opening through which at least some of the debris exits the shaft.

15. (new) The drill bit of claim 14, wherein the third opening is contiguous with the second opening.

16. (new) The drill bit of claim 14, wherein the third opening is distanced from the second opening.

17. (new) The drill bit of claim 14, wherein the third opening comprises an axially extending slot.

18. (new) The drill bit of claim 14, wherein the shaft is substantially smooth.

19. (new) A method of injecting a substance into a bone, comprising:
using a drill bit according to claim 14 to drill a hole in the bone;
injecting the substance into the proximal opening.

20. (new) The method of claim 19, comprising using a hypodermic needle to inject the substance.

21. (new) The method of claim 19, wherein the substance comprises a medication.